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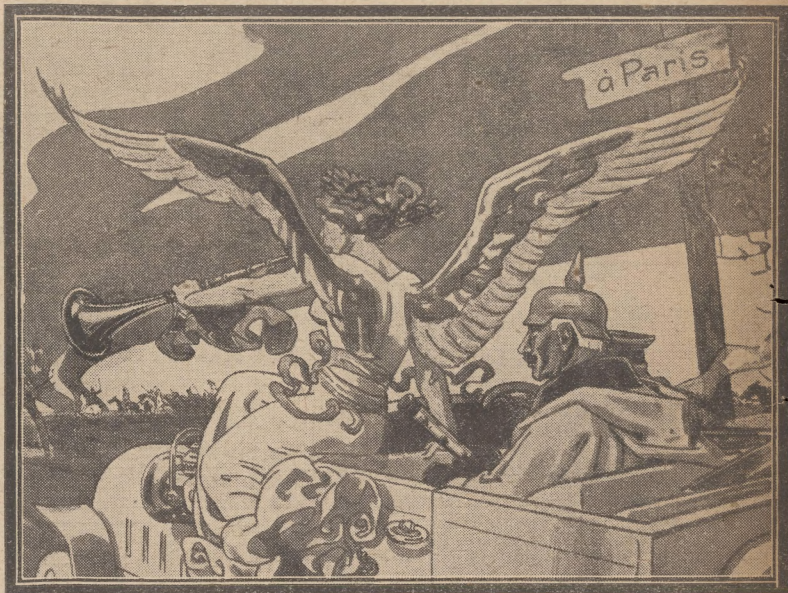
One Halfpenny.

KING ALBERT'S SISTER TENDING WOUNDED.



The Duchess of Vendome, sister to the King of the Belgians, is looking after wounded soldiers. She is seen attending a patient in the hospital near Paris which she has opened.

THE WHITE KAISER IS WHITER AFTER HIS RED BIRTHDAY.



Longing for Paris must have turned the Kaiser's hair white. We have often been told his hair had gone white, and now there comes proof positive. The German artist who drew this cartoon has been allowed to depict the Kaiser with white hair. Incidentally, the Germans seem still to long for Paris.

HIGH ANGLE FIRE WITH ONE OF THE FRENCH "75's"



The French gunner in this photograph is seen firing over a hill at a German position discovered by aeroplane. Owing to the great elevation at which the gun is being fired a pit has been prepared for the tail piece of the gun carriage.

THE WOUNDED WATCH FOOTBALL.



There were many soldiers and some wounded at the Chelsea v Arsenal Cup-tie football match on Saturday, and there were many civilians who might have been soldiers.

DERRY & TOMS

KENSINGTON-HIGH STREET LONDON W

Our Winter Sale is over, but—

we are this week offering more tempting values than ever, because—

Our new stocks are now arriving and there is still a quantity of surplus goods which must be cleared THIS WEEK. These have been marked down accordingly and present an entirely new standard of value.

The following example bargains demonstrate the extraordinary values being offered.

Drapery Dept.

83 Irish DAMASK CLOTHS, size about 2 x 2, 2 x 2½, 2 x 3 yds. Worth 8/11. This Week (each) **6/11½**

We have marked our odd patterns of 8½d, 10½d. and 1½-yard CRETONNE (Patterns sent). This Week (yard) **6½d.**

ARMY FLANNEL in regulation grey, 27in. wide. Worth 1/6½ yd. Patts. sent. This Week (per doz. yds.) **12/11**

Fancy Jewellery.

A superb collection of NECKLETS, NECKBANDS, PRONGS, COMBS, TULLE and VELVET BOWS, etc. The Sale Prices of these articles were exactly double those at which they are marked for this week **2/6, 5/-, 10/- & 20/-**

Lace Dept.

42 Ostrich and Coque Feather RUFFLES. This Week (each) **5/-**

121 Dainty Lace FISCHUS in Ivory only. This Week (each) **1/4**

346 Men's Silk HANDKERCHIEFS, Bandana effects, 28in. square. This Week **1/0½**

The goods in this section cannot be sent on approval; extra must be enclosed for postage

Men's Wear.

Men's warm winter weight fleecy PANTS and VESTS. This Week **2/3**

All-wool woven BODY BELTS, suitable for soldiers wear. This Week **1/3**

Knitted woollen GLOVES, principally large sizes. In Khaki and Dark Heather mixtures: with or without domestic fasteners. This Week **1/9**

1,000 doz. heavy knitted CARDIGAN JACKETS, extra warm for severe weather. Brown, Navy, Maroon, Grey and Black. 55/- doz. This Week **4/8**

Robes.

115 Plain Poplin, Cashmere, and Broche Eolienne ROBES, in various charming designs. Originally 49/6, 59/6, 73/6. This Week **21/-**

50-Cashmere GOWN S, smartly cut and well made. Ready for wear. Originally 29/11, 49/6. This Week **15/-**

THURSDAY A Special BARGAIN DAY

In various Departments will be found REMNANTS AND ODDMENTS OF ALL KINDS to be cleared at EXTRAORDINARY PRICES

Fancy Goods.

FANCY BOXES, PURSES, FRAMES of every description, METAL GOODS. Marked at Final Clearance Price. This Week (each) **1/-**

Ladies' Coats.

Leather-lined MOTOR COATS, in full length. Originally 44 gns. This Week **38/6**

Model RESTAURANT COATS, many by "Worth." Usually 15 gns. This Week **3½ gns.**

Opera WRAPS, in fancy Brocades and Silks. Lined throughout. Originally 64 gns. This Week **29/11**

PETROGRAD, as sketch. The new MILITARY COAT, in Navy Whipcord Serge, half lined silk. This Week **29/11**

In good quality Navy COATING SERGE, half lined silk. Originally 42/- 3½ gns. This Week **29/11**

Fawn & Reseda COVERT COATING, Originally 39/6. This Week **29/11**

Black & Navy NAP COATS. Originally 42/- 3½ gns. This Week **29/11**

Navy SERGE BLANKET COATS. Originally 29/11. This Week **23/9**



29/11
Mantle Department.

PETROGRAD.

WELLWORTH MANUFACTURING FUR CO., 149, CHEAPSIDE, LONDON

(Lift at Attendance.) FIRST FLOOR SHOWROOMS. (Close to St. Paul's Churchyard, our only address.)

Great SALE OF FURS

STOLES, MUFS, AND COATS. If you are wanting Good Furs at absurdly low prices, send for our Illustrated Sale Catalogue and secure a bargain.

Leopard Coney Fur Coat, full length, with handsome Black Fox Collar. Usual price £10. Sale Price **£7 17 6**

Handsome dark Sable Stole and Muff. Usual price £20 the Set. Sale Price **12 gns.**

Natural Fox Sable Stole. Usual price £12 the Set. Sale Price **8 gns.**

Beautiful Skunk Opusm Fur Stole and Pillow Muff. Usual price £25. Sale Price **£20**

Natural Fitch Fur Stole and Pillow Muff. Usual price £25. Sale Price **£20**

Best Ermine Neckties. Usual price 84/6, 59/6 and 29/6 each. Sale Price **£2/-, 29/6, and 22/2**

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SENSATIONAL CLEARANCE OF GOLF COATS

Unprecedented Bargains

Lot 25—Best quality Knitted Golf Coats. With and without belts, in a variety of colours (no sax or navy). Original price 22/-

Final Clearance at **12/11**

Lot 26—Best quality Knitted Golf Coats. With and without belts, in a variety of colours (no sax or navy). Original price 22/-

Final Clearance at **6/11**

Lot 27—Record Value in Black Silky Fur Stole & Muff, closely resembling Real Fox. Usual price 15/11. Sale Price **12/9** (the Set)

Final Clearance at **6/11**

Final Offers!

Orders Executed in Rotation

LAST TWO WEEKS

Rich quality softfin Black All-Silk, satin skirt, new shape and beautifully made, a great bargain. Sale Price **16/11** (free)

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HENRY DOBB

WESTBOURNE GROVE, LONDON W.

LAST WEEKS OF OUR GREAT WINTER SALE.

Final Clearance

Smart New Hat for early spring wear. In Rich Navy Merve Silk, with wide Moire band & bow. Also Nigger-Brown, Black & Black & White. Season's Price 8/11. Offered this week at **5/9** (post 2½d).

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WHIPPET RACING GOING STRONG: THE DOGS ARE NO GOOD FOR THE WAR.



The start of the great whippet handicap over a course of 200 yards.



Owners cheer the dogs on behind the winning-post.

Whippets which can run at the rate of thirty miles an hour were on show at Manor Park. These little dogs would be of no service to their country at the front, but they



A proud woman owner.

can run like greased lightning. They eat new laid eggs and raw rump steaks.—(*Daily Mirror* photographs.)

THE GERMAN ARMY ADVANCING TO THE BATTLE OF SOISSONS: THEY WERE CHECKED.



In this photograph, taken by a German, General von Kluck's famous army is seen advancing to the battle of Soissons. A large number of guns are coming into action.

Although hardly discernible in the photograph, this column is under the fire of the French guns, which are far away in a line behind the haystacks.

THINGS THE NATION WANTS TO KNOW.

Opportunity of Hearing More About War When Parliament Meets.

LIKELY QUESTIONS.

(By Our Parliamentary Correspondent.)

With the meeting of both Houses of Parliament to-morrow the nation will once again have the opportunity of learning further facts of vital moment connected with the great war.

Although the party truce promises to be observed for a long time yet, Ministers are likely to be subjected to searching cross-examination on many matters during the coming weeks. The House of Commons has not met since November, and there has consequently been a great accumulation of subjects upon which M.P.s are anxious for information. Here are some of them:

1. The treatment of suspected aliens.
2. The increase in the price of food.
3. The rise in freights.
4. The position of the Home Defence Volunteer Force.
5. The action of the censorship.
6. The action of the Treasury towards company finance.
7. War contracts.
8. The attitude of the Board of Trade in regard to dye-making.
9. The interpretation by the Foreign Office and the Admiralty of international usage in the detention of contraband of war.
10. Soldiers' and sailors' pensions and allowances.
11. The delays in the payment of pensions to disabled men.

Most of the foregoing subjects will not merely be raised in the form of questions to Ministers, but are almost certain to be debated.

NO GENERAL ELECTION.

Opportunities for the discussion of most of these matters will arise on the Estimates.

Apart from the Supplementary and the Annual Estimates, a highly important Budget will come under consideration, and several war emergency Bills, including amendments of some of those passed last session, are likely to be presented.

The Annual Estimates for the Navy and Army will, in point of amount, easily beat all records. There will be no legislation of a party character, and if the war is still raging in the middle of the summer it will cause no surprise if the Government pass a Suspensory Bill for Plural Voting, so as to include the two years' progress which the measure has made under the Parliament Act.

Obsessed as M.P.s are with the war, there will be little interest in other matters, and early risings and fairly frequent short holidays are highly probable.

M.P.s are, of course, immensely interested in the date of the dissolution.

It is generally agreed that there can be no general election till the war is over, but as Parliament has nearly twelve months to run before it completes its five years' course the question is not one of urgency.

About 220 M.P.s and some 180 peers are away on military duty.

TOO CHEAP TO PLEASE THEM.

A novel grievance is to be brought to the notice of the Aberdeen Licensing Justices next Wednesday, when the Mountain Ash Licensed Victuallers' Association are to lay a complaint that one of the public-houses at Mountain Ash is selling beer at 3d. a pint, although it was the clear intention of the Chancellor that the extra tax should fall upon the consumer.

The matter was first brought before the stipendiary magistrate, who was asked to take action. He replied that he would do nothing of the sort. He had heard the grievance was on the other leg—namely, that the half-pint per glass increase more than covered the new tax.

The association were advised to take their grievance to the annual licensing sessions next Wednesday.

PEGOUT'S NINE HITS WITH BOMBS.

PARIS, Jan. 30.—Pegoud, the famous loopster of the loop, has just distinguished himself afresh by dropping nine bombs on a powder magazine in the Artois region. Descending to less than 2,000 ft. from the ground, he succeeded in hitting his objective with all nine bombs.

The atmospheric disturbance caused by the violent thring to which he was subjected was so great that it needed all his skill to maintain the equilibrium of his machine, but nevertheless he returned safely to his starting point.

Only a few days before Pegoud destroyed a captive balloon and damaged two pieces of the enemy's heavy artillery.—Reuter's Special.

ALLIES' PROTEST TO U.S.A.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Mr. Bryan has authorised the publication of a statement to the effect that Great Britain, France and Russia have formally intimated to the State Department their opposition to the transfer from their original registry of vessels belonging to belligerent nations.—Central News.

GENERAL VILLA ASSASSINATED.

General Villa, leader of the Mexican rebels, is stated, says the Central News, to have been killed by revolver shots fired by a member of his personal bodyguard.

ONE OF WAR'S MIRACLES

Dainty Tea or Evening Gowns Obtainable for Fifteen Shillings.

FURS FOR LESS THAN A POUND

"Fifteen shillings is all I paid for my evening gown."

If a woman had said this twelve months ago her hearers would have felt inclined to give her the lie direct.

But now—a miracle due to the war's influence upon the price of clothes—a creation of chiffon, lace and satin can be bought for this price in Piccadilly—the heart of fashionable London.

In Kensington, too, the shops in the High-street are showing "yet more reduced" bargains, and a diamanté tunic or a nice plain costume can be bought for 15s., and an evening gown of satin and lace—an afternoon gown slightly decolleté—a smart spring hat or a presentable-looking fur can be had for the same modest sum.

Even a tea-gown can be purchased for 15s. This is a luxury that war has put within the purchasing power of the woman who goes out to shop with only a sovereign in her purse.

WHIZZING WHIPPETS.

Dogs That Ran at Rate of Thirty Miles an Hour in Races.

Whippets which can run at the tremendous pace of over thirty miles an hour competed in the "whippet handicap" held yesterday at the Manor Park Athletic and Football Ground, Manor Park.

Everybody who takes an interest in these wonderful miniature greyhounds was to be found in the "course" yesterday. It was a kind of Derby Day for dogs. Men and women from all parts of London flocked to the grounds with their dogs on leash, the animals being wrapped up in natty, well-fitting little coats.

"Don't look as though they could knock down a feather, do they?" said an old fancier. "Rather delicate, you think? Just wait until you see them run."

Nearly 220 whippets took part in the handicap. The course was 220 yards in length, and prizes to the amount of £15 were distributed.

The owners stood at one end of the course with a towel, while a friend held the dog at the other.

At the given signal the whippets were released and came tearing over the ground at a terrific pace. There was just a flash of the dogs' colours and the race was over.

There were sixteen heats and each dog was handicapped. Like racehorses, they all had fancy names. Some of the dogs, for instance, were called The Nat, Lemon Pup, Black Queen and Little War.

Some of the whippets which took part in the race are pictures. "We don't grudge their money thing so long as they will get another half-yard in front of the other dog," explained one enthusiast.

Some of the dainties, for instance, which are given to these racing whippets are new-laid eggs underdone ramp steak, fresh cod, leg of beef and port wine in small quantities.

DEATH OF ADMIRAL MONTAGU.

The death took place shortly before midnight on Saturday of Admiral Montagu.

Born in 1841, the late Admiral was the second son of the seventh Earl of Sandwich. He joined the Navy in 1853, saw service in the Black Sea and the Baltic in 1855, was present in the China War of 1857, and with the Naval Brigade during the thanks of both Houses of Parliament in 1860, and later served in the Channel Fleet.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

For all districts—Cold, changeable; some showers; hail or sleet locally; fine intervals.

RECORD-SMASHING FEATS.

Splendid Running by Kitchener's Men in Cross-Country Championships.

FAVOURITE THE FIRST HOME.

All cross-country records were broken at Aldershot on Saturday, when 800 runners from Kitchener's Army took part in the Aldershot Training Centre Cross-Country Championships. Bombardier Dance, of the 1st Brigade R.F.A., was, as expected, the first man home.

Eight hundred runners were sent off by Major-General A. Hamilton Gordon, C.B., and 800 finished the long and tiring seven and a half miles of country which included the rough surface of Laffan's Plain.

There were forty-one teams of twenty men each, and at the start each team was lined up in single file, one runner behind the other.

As General Gordon dropped the flag they sped off.

Soon they were strung out, and then they disappeared for half an hour behind the trees.

Eventually a dark blue figure came into view and the shout arose, "Dance wins." It was the Bombardier emerging victorious from a long-drawn-out struggle with Sergeant Garvie, of the Black Watch. He was cheered to the echo as he raced up to the winning post, seventy yards in front of Garvie.

He had covered the distance in 42m. 0.15s., very fine time for the trying course. The special medal for the first officer home fell to Lieutenant R. Rawson, 9th Signal Company, Royal Engineers, the Army boxer, who finished seventh.

The winning team of the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry had eight men in the first forty, and their total of 332 points is extraordinary, in view of the fact that the Tweseldown Training Centre of the R.A.M.C., which finished second, ran up a score of 825 points, and the third team, the 8th Rifle Brigade, a score of 837 points.

BOMBS AND BACON.

German Air Shells Have No Terror for Princess Patricia's Men.

NORTH-EASTERN FRANCE, Jan. 31.—On Monday our first Canadian regiment to take the field, the Princess Patricia's, were engaged in a small affair.

A German Landsturm regiment—to judge by the ripe years of the prisoners taken by the Canadians—set out to capture the Princess Patricia's trenches. The Canadians, finding the enemy did not seem to get any nearer, began to jump out of their trenches to see what had happened to them. They found that the Germans, not liking the reception, had simply dropped on their bellies in the mud and were crawling to safety. The Canadians assisted their progress by a vigorous fusillade.

The Princess Patricia's losses in this affair were four killed and a few wounded, the enemy's much heavier.

Unfortunately, the next day one of the Canadian officers, Lieutenant Price, was killed by a sniper. Another officer named Pearson is also reported to have been killed.

No. 1 Company of the Patricia's had an adventure some time ago. The company had been ordered to carry out the front of their trench in an angle so as to be able to enfilade an attacking party of the enemy.

While they were digging out the angle a German Taube sailed over the trench and spotted what was going on below.

The next morning while the Canadians were comfortably breakfasting on bacon and eggs in the newly dug out angle a bomb dropped from the clouds and lighted a few yards from the trench.

Masses of soil flew in all directions, and eight of the Canadians were buried under the cave-in side of the trench.

They were promptly extricated, all unhurt, and after demanding and getting a second supply of eggs and bacon the men coolly set about repairing the damaged trench.—Reuter's Special.

LEARNED IN CHURCH TO HATE TOPPERS.

Men in Khaki Teach Young Worshippers to Scorn Black Coat.

'HERO' TO EVERY VILLAGE

Yesterday might well have been "called 'Khaki Sunday.'"

Every church in the country had a considerable number of men in khaki among its congregation—young recruits who have just got their uniforms, youthful officers training in Kitchener's Army, and seasoned "Tommy's" home for a few days' leave from the trenches.

There was scarcely a village church which had not its "hero."

The young fellow sat there, his arm perhaps in a sling, with his proud father and mother in the old family pew, the eyes of all the villagers upon him. In many cases the vicar alluded to him in his sermon.

In London (where it seemed yesterday that every other man was a soldier) "Tommy" had few laurels showered on him, but he went to church all the same.

St. Paul's Cathedral was full of young soldiers at the morning service. There were sailors, too, and the nave was a picture of blue, white and khaki.

PROUD FINANCIERS.

The clumping of heavy Army boots down the aisles, the jingle of spurs would have told a large man that there were soldiers present. Large numbers of "Tommy's" were accompanied by their wives or fiancées, and these young women were the proudest of anybody.

In the dim light of Westminster Abbey, where, centuries ago, the candlelight flickered on the steel armour of knights before they went out to the wars, there were yesterday dozens of khaki-clad figures—the warriors of to-day.

They stood up against the grey walls, just as straight and strong as the knights of old.

At Westminster Cathedral, Bromley Oratory, the City Temple and all the churches and chapels in London there were the same scenes.

The few young men who attended service in the regulation silk hat and morning coat learned fixed resolve to change their costume at once for—khaki.

WHITE WOMEN SEIZED.

A native rebellion in Nyassaland is described in the following official statement issued last night.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies has been informed by the Governor of Nyassaland that an outbreak of natives has taken place in the Shire Highlands between Zomba and Blantyre, the Angwara tribes being chiefly concerned.

On the night of January 23 the rebels attacked the whites on Mr. A. L. Bruce's estate at Magomera, killing three white men, a Macor-mack and Ferguson, and wounding one (Robertson).

Three white women and five children were carried off, but were subsequently released.

In a later telegram the situation is well described.

The leader of the rebellion and his wife have been attacked.

Several of the ringleaders have been killed and three have been executed.

SHORT-LIVED MARRIAGE.

A short-lived marriage was brought to an end at Edinburgh on Saturday, when Mrs. Margaret M. Cameron, Henderson, or Castiglione, of the Curragh, Ireland, was granted a divorce against John Silvester Henderson, an estate agent, of Great King-street, Edinburgh.

Petitioner said she was married in June, 1911. She and her husband, who was of Italian extraction, lived in Edinburgh and Canada, but owing to lack of means they never had a house of their own. Last summer she received information about her husband living with another woman in hotels at Dumfries and Fowfoot.

VETERAN'S DEATH AT PLAY.

PLYMOUTH, Jan. 30.—The coroner had reported to him to-day the tragic death of a naval veteran, Mr. James Lobb, aged 64, who had been playing a game of billiards in the public saloon with three soldiers invaded home from the front.

The game was rather exciting, and Mr. Lobb took up his cue, requiring only four points to win. He, however, did not complete the stroke.

The excitement apparently affected his heart, for he reeled on to the table, and death occurred before medical aid could be obtained.

WHAT DID PRINCE BULOW SAY?

For some time past, says a Reuter Paris message, political gossip in Italian parliamentary circles, it is stated, has been occupied by an intrigue against the Salandra Government, which is attributed to the Giolitti. Italian newspapers, in referring to the fact that interviews have taken place between Signor Giolitti and Prince Bulow, declare that the latter promised to hand over the Trentino and Trieste if Italy would definitely maintain her neutrality, and that Signor Giolitti, as the head of the new "Concentration" Cabinet, has been charged to direct the new Italian policy.



A youthful soldier in the French artillery who has been taught to serve a gun. He asked to join the artillery; his request was allowed. He is now a sort of mascot.

THE BRITISH MERCHANTMEN BLOWN UP BY GERMAN SUBMARINES

on Tirpitz's War on Unarmed Ships in Irish Sea and Channel.

PIRATE U 21 SEIZES PREY IN FOG.

Liner Escapes at Full Speed—Woman Passenger Describes Chase.

CREWS OF TWO VESSELS LEFT TO THEIR FATE.

Five British merchant ships have been blown up by German submarines during the weekend, and four of them sunk.

This doubtless is the revenge planned by Admiral von Tirpitz, head of the German Navy, for the loss of his cruisers. Orders have been issued for a submarine warfare against British merchant ships so that von Tirpitz's threat to "starve England out" may be fulfilled.

Three of the merchant ships were sunk off the mouth of the Mersey on Saturday and two more were torpedoed yesterday in the Channel off Havre.

It was the German submarine U 21 which distinguished itself in this attack on defenceless shipping off the mouth of the Mersey.

Crews of two of the sunken vessels—the Ben Cruachan and the Linda Blanche—were landed at Fleetwood, and the crew of the Kilcoan were taken to Douglas.

But the crews of the ships torpedoed off Havre were left to their fate. Fortunately, they were picked up by French torpedo-boats.

The royal mail packet steamer Leinster, travelling from Holyhead to Kingstown, was chased for a quarter of an hour by a German submarine. The Leinster reached Kingstown last evening, her superior speed enabling her to show her heels to her pursuers.

THREE SHIPS BLOWN UP NEAR THE MERSEY.

Crew of Merchant Vessel Describe German Submarine Officers' Raid.

The German submarine U 21 which sank the cruiser Pathfinder in September and two British ships near Havre in November, has sunk three more merchant ships in a raid off the mouth of the Mersey. Her latest victims are:

The Ben Cruachan, of the Morrison Shipping Company, North Shields, a vessel of 3,092 tons. Built in 1902, she was a steel twin-screw steamer.

Sunk off Morecambe Bay lightship. Linda Blanche, a steamer of 550 tons, built last summer and owned by the Anglesey Shipping Company. Sunk twenty miles north-west of Bar Lightship.

Kilcoan, a Belfast steamer of 456 tons. She was bound from Garston to Belfast. Sunk fifteen miles north-west of Liverpool Bar.

Several Glasgow steamers had narrow escapes from the submarine, and two of them—the Horner Atreus and Messrs. Henderson's Ava—reported that off Morecambe Bay they saw a submarine attacking another vessel.

Full steam ahead was made to the north, and, owing to the fact that the attacker was held up by the third vessel, the Atreus and the Ava safely reached the Clyde.

Another steamer, the Belfast Company's Graphic, which arrived at Cardiff on Saturday night, was chased by a submarine, but escaped by steaming head to wind and using her superior speed.

"WAR IS WAR."

A woman passenger in the Graphic said:— "There were about 100 passengers and a crew of forty on our gallant little steamer, and the German submarine would have had a good catch in us, but our skipper was too smart for the enemy. He handled the ship with great skill. As soon as we knew it was an enemy ship we were all given lifebelts."

The Graphic changed her course, and the grim little submarine, lying low in the water, came after us.

The sea was washing over her, showing the speed at which she was travelling, but we were always equal to her."

Our engine staff was doubled, and it was a case of all hands to the fires. They stoked away like fury, and the Graphic pushed on at a splendid rate. We were afterwards told that she had made a speed record for the Belfast Steamship Company.

We gradually got ahead of the submarine, and when she disappeared there was a cheer from the passengers, who had watched with such tense interest our fifteen minutes' chase from the jaws of the enemy.

The submarine's first victim appears to have been the Ben Cruachan, which left Cardiff on Tuesday with 5,000 tons of coal.

According to the statement of the crew, who have now been landed safely at Fleetwood, the

steamer was summoned to stop, and was then boarded by two German officers.

The crew were given ten minutes in which to get their things together, and then had to leave their vessel in two small boats.

The Germans placed a shell in the steamer, and within a few moments of their having left there was a terrific explosion, and she was blown to pieces.

Mr. Inglis, of the Ben Cruachan, said last night: "The German commander, after expressing his regret that he had to blow up the vessel, said 'War is war.' He shook hands with our captain and saluted. The submarine was submerged and disappeared."

OUT OF THE FOG.

In an interview one of the crew of the Ben Cruachan said:—

"When we were steadily steaming with a slight fog enveloping the sea the periscope of a submarine suddenly appeared."

"We could see he was a German, and, although he was awash, we could make out his number, U 21."

"We immediately hove to and two German officers came aboard."

"Then, very politely, they told us that they did not wish to destroy the ship, and advised us to get all our belongings together."

"We rowed away from the steamer, and a few minutes later we saw the Germans carry what looked like a large explosive shell on to the steamer."

"The Ben Cruachan appeared to be blown to pieces and sank rapidly."

"It was only about an hour later that the crew of the smaller Linda Blanche were landed at Fleetwood."

"They said that when twenty miles north-west of Liverpool Bar Lightship the German submarine U 21 came up on the starboard side."

"It came close up on the lee side of the steamer, and, while waiting for the transference, the crew of the submarine handed cigars and cigarettes to the men on board."

"Two small boats were accordingly launched, and the crew of the Linda Blanche rowed away. As they did so the Germans were seen to place explosive shells with time fuses on the bridge and in the fore-castle."

TORPEDOED IN CHANNEL.

PARIS, Jan. 31.—The Ministry of Marine to-day issued the following Note:—

Up to the present, by a sort of self-respect, German seamen have generally not sunk Allied merchant ships until they have taken off the crews or authorised them to proceed to safety.

To-day the German Navy has decided to violate international law systematically and deliberately.

The officers have received orders to respect nothing in future. Thus they place themselves outside the pale of humanity.

On January 30 German submarines torpedoed without previous warning two British merchant ships in the vicinity of Havre.

The whole world will rise in horror at such an act of war which is unworthy of a civilised nation. The steamers are:—

The British steamer Tokomaru. She was sunk at 10 a.m. seven miles W.N.W. of Cape Antifer by a German submarine. Her crew were saved by French torpedo-boats.

The British steamer Ischia torpedoed by a German submarine on the same day at one o'clock fifteen miles west of Cape Antifer.

She did not sink, but was towed into Havre escorted by French torpedo craft. —Reuter.

A Reuter message from Havre states that the Tokomaru had on board 97,000 carcasses of mutton and a quantity of merchandise and clothing given by New Zealanders for Belgian refugees.

The Tokomaru, a vessel of 6,238 tons, was built in 1893 by Messrs. C. S. Swan and Hunter, Newcastle. She was owned by the Shaw, Savill and Albion Co., Ltd.

BRITISH REGAIN THEIR LOST TRENCHES.

Line Wrested from Germans at La Bassee—Foë's Guns and Mortars Smashed.

PARIS, Jan. 31.—This afternoon's official communiqué says:—

The fighting during the 30th was confined on almost the entire front to an artillery duel. The cannonade was heavy on both sides at numerous points. Our artillery everywhere had the advantage.

Before La Bassee.—The British Army recaptured all the trenches which it had momentarily lost.

The Germans bombarded the church with the steeple at Fouquesvillers.

In the sectors of Arras, Roye, Soissons, Rheims and Perthes.—Our batteries destroyed two of the enemy's guns, several works and a certain number of mortars, and dispersed several concentrations of troops, bivouacs and convoys.

In the Argonne.—In the Bois de la Gruerie, where our troops on the 29th were obliged to fall back slightly, as already reported, the Germans yesterday made three new fresh attacks near Fontaine Madame, which were repulsed.

From the Argonne to the Vosges.—There has been no change. We hold notably near Badonviller, the village of Angonmont. —Reuter.

PARIS, Jan. 31.—The official communiqué issued this evening says that no incident of importance has been reported. —Reuter.

STUCK TO HIS PIPE.

How calmly the British "Tommy" can take things, even in the midst of a fierce hand-to-hand fight, is well illustrated in "Eye-Witness" last narrative.

Telling the story of a battle for Givenchy village, he says:—

"The fighting was of a most desperate nature, being in many cases at close quarters. Our men in many cases fought with bayonets in their hands and even knocked out many Germans with their fists."

"A story is told of one man who broke into a house held by eight Germans, bayoneted four and captured the rest, while he continued to suck at a clay pipe."

A recent vain attack made by the Germans on our lines, "Eye-Witness" says, cost them more than 1,000 men.

At another point, in attempting a surprise attack on the French, they were easily repulsed, leaving 300 dead bodies hanging on the wire entanglements.

LOST TRENCHES RE-WON.

Further extracts from "Eye-Witness" story say:—

On Monday, the 25th, the comparative quiet of the past few days was broken by a sudden assumption of the offensive on the part of the enemy.

At 8 a.m. the Germans launched an assault against the British and French on the south of the canal, and at one point penetrated our line.

About the same time they also attacked heavily our troops in Givenchy, north of the canal, and, passing over our front trenches, temporarily gained a foothold in the place.

But as their infantry surged forward through the village our men met them with cold steel, killing 100 with the bayonet.

Fighting then proceeded for some hours at close quarters, but by noon we had recaptured the whole of our original trenches round the village.

"It will be learnt with sorrow," says "Eye-Witness" at the end of his narrative, "that the regimental pet goat of a certain famous regiment has died on active service."

AUSTRIA'S PEACE CRY SILENCED BY HUNS.

Germany Said To Have Promised To Help Her Ally With 1,000,000 Men in Spring.

FEAR OF BRITAIN'S NAVY.

Is Austria tired of the war?

The important announcement is made by a Copenhagen correspondent that the recent conference between the Kaiser, the German Chancellor and Baron Burian, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, was held to consider a "tolerable peace" for Austria-Hungary.

German statesmen held that peace negotiations were hopeless, and agreed that Germany should send 1,000,000 men to Hungary by the spring, while 1,500,000 were sent to France for a last attempt to crush the Allies.

DOWNFALL OF AUSTRIA.

From a most trustworthy and well-informed source in Berlin, says the Copenhagen correspondent, I have received the following statement regarding the negotiations between the German statesmen and Baron Burian.

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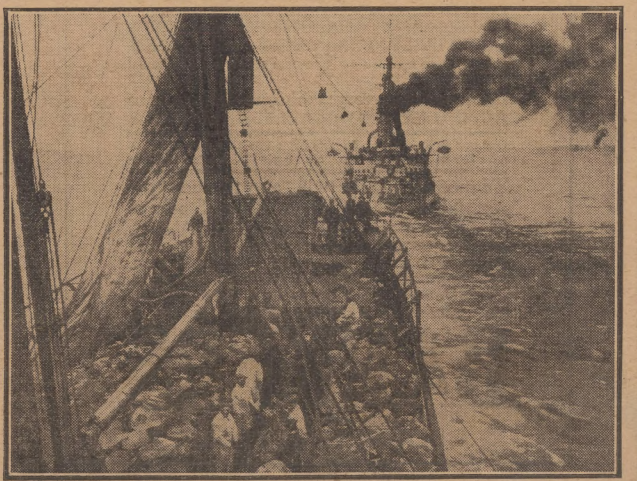
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A photograph of a German warship coating at sea. The Germans have experienced great difficulties in coating since the war began.

CHARGE THROUGH NETWORK OF BARBED WIRE.

Russians Capture Three Lines of German Trenches at Bayonet Point.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 30.—The following Army communiqué was issued to-day:—

On the left bank of the Vistula near Borjomi the Germans during the night of the 29th and the following day again attacked our positions, but were everywhere thrown back with great losses, with the exception of one point, where a single trench remains in the hands of the enemy.

On the 28th and 29th the Russian troops in the Carpathians turned to our advantage in several sectors of our front. Our offensive near the village of Nijnia-Poliana was particularly successful. Here by a succession of bayonet attacks we carried three lines of the enemy's trenches.

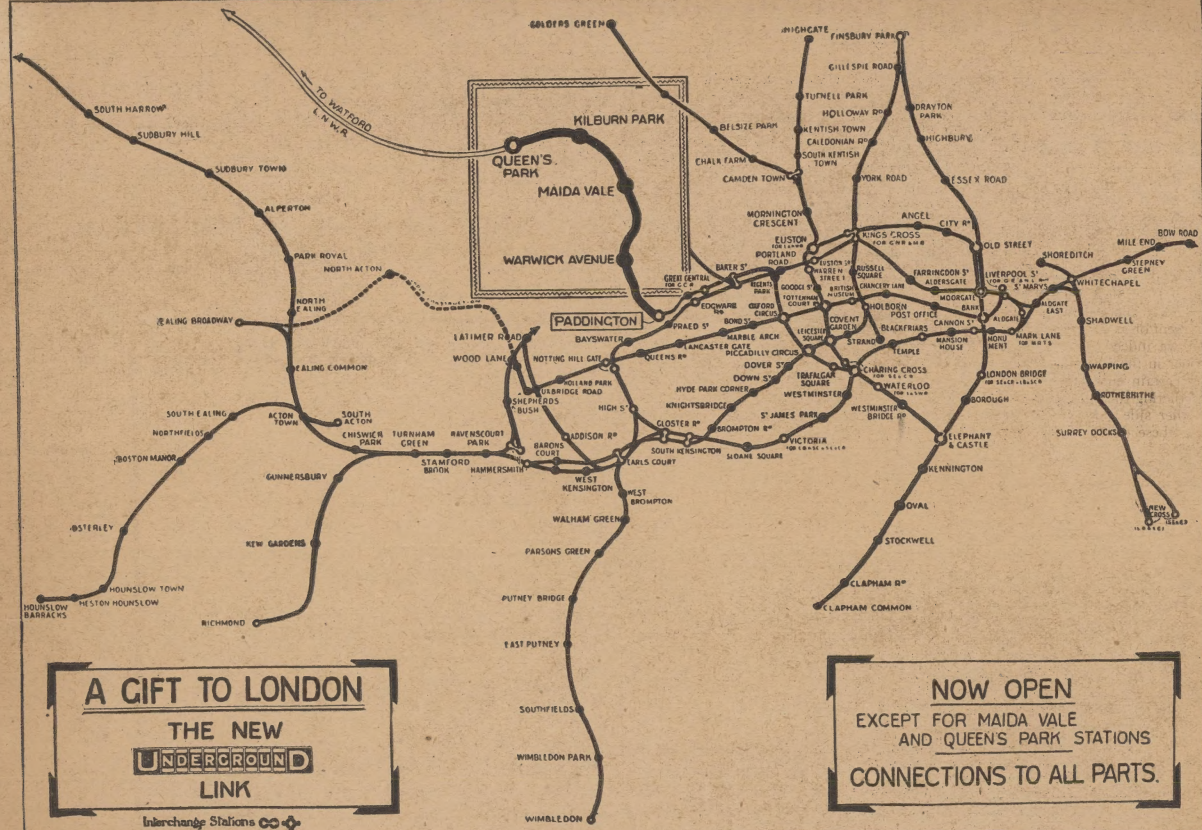
Another successful offensive was carried out on the south-west front in the Vasiok-Belgrad district, to the south-east of Ludobeski, where in one sector our troops reached the enemy's position through a network of barbed wire.

On the 25th, 26th and 27th our torpedo-boats sank several Turkish sailing vessels. On the 23th one of our torpedo-boats made a daring raid on Trabzon. —Reuter.

RUSSIANS RECAPTURE TABRIZ.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 31.—A semi-official statement issued here says: "After the battle of Sofan the Turks, who had suffered very heavy losses, retired hastily towards Tabriz."

At midday yesterday Russian troops entered Tabriz. Turks and Kurds fled in the direction of Maragha. —Reuter.



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VERY CALM.

SEVERAL DISTINGUISHED foreigners have lately remarked upon the singular calm of the British people in the process of taking part in the biggest war of modern times: our news columns of Saturday quoted a Japanese authority in that sense. We like to know, thus, what impression we make upon others; but at the same time, when we hear this not infrequent remark about our calmness, we never know whether it be meant as a compliment or as a reproach.

Ought we indeed to run haggard hither and thither in the streets? Ought we to go about as certain energumens did in plague time, predicting the end of the world? Or, on the other side, can we claim credit for not doing these things and is anybody else doing them?

So far, let us admit, in common justice to friends and enemies, nobody is running round in circles, screaming. Some journalists here assure us that that will come later for Germany, and a few misinformed journalists in Germany inform us that it is actually happening in England now. It obviously annoys these people very much, as it amazes a great many others, to think that a European convulsion should not convulse everybody in Europe. Yet, from memoirs and records of similar convulsions in other days, we may conclude perhaps that things in general never did go altogether differently, but that below the immediately disturbed surface the current flowed on with its monotonous rhythm—passing away like the river, but always the same to look at.

And thus in revolutions, ruins, battles, the common people, as soon as the smoke cleared away, were seen doing their work as usual. There is an old woman, imagined with admirable truth in Anatole France's "The Gods Athirst." She fitly exemplifies the necessary nonchalance of a humanity that has to go on living. Paris is in confusion, the Terror is at its height, half the people are starving, one half is killing the other half, assignats are worth little, the Government bankrupt. Surely, in such circumstances, the end-of-the-world mood ought to prevail everywhere?

Well, according to Anatole France, it was not so:—and his old woman in the story is as true as most grave histories. She was disturbed, certainly, but her thoughts were of the *cherté des vivres*, of the subsistence problem, and above all of the continuance of chestnuts as a chief staple of diet. "If we go on eating chestnuts we shall become chestnuts in time!" Thus did the great French Revolution sum itself up in the mind of a French housewife.

So such immutable persons will always be—tranquillising in their hold upon custom. You can't disturb them, save by running a bayonet into them, and they are the same in France as they are in England, and the same in Russia as they are in France, and the same to-day as long ago; so that, clearly, we have no right to claim superiority. Sometimes, in such circumstances, all the grand and great achievements, all the powerful people, all the deeds signalled by heroism in the sound of cannon and sight of blazing town, seem insignificant, because evanescent, in comparison with that firm continuous stolidity that underlies the supreme endeavours, and yet makes them possible, perhaps, by providing them with a substratum of human life to go upon. This stolidity is not necessarily indifference. It is the courage to go on living while everywhere men fall and die. So, in some ruined Belgian village, we read that you may see the peasant return after the crash, and scrutinise the remnants of his home, and extract the atoms for reconstruction, while the fowls peck gratified amongst the stones, and possibly an alarmed cat regains self-possession by washing its face where a demolished front door once screened it from dogs. W. M.

LOOKING THROUGH "THE MIRROR."

THE BELGIAN ACCENT.

"A. M. E." states in your issue of to-day that there is a Belgian accent, but I think it takes a very highly-trained ear to distinguish between the accent of an educated Belgian and that of a French man or woman of the same status.

When, however, you come to the working class, I find not one, but many accents—in fact, if I sit and listen to a crowd of Belgian workmen (in a tramway-car, for example) I am at a loss frequently to understand their French, although I am in constant touch with them and am a fluent speaker of that language. I should say it is more a case of pronunciation than of accent.

I might suggest in reference to the lines quoted by Mrs. T. Jenkins that, when you get

or three times a week, leaving me to arrange details with the colonel. So I wrote.

At last a reply came fixing an interview. Then it appeared French lessons were not possible owing to the constant migration of detachments, but a lecture occasionally on such subjects as the local geography of the war area would be welcome. So, thinking half a loaf was better than no bread, I, like Barkis "was willing."

But now the County Council says the matter is to drop. So "Tommy" has no French lessons.

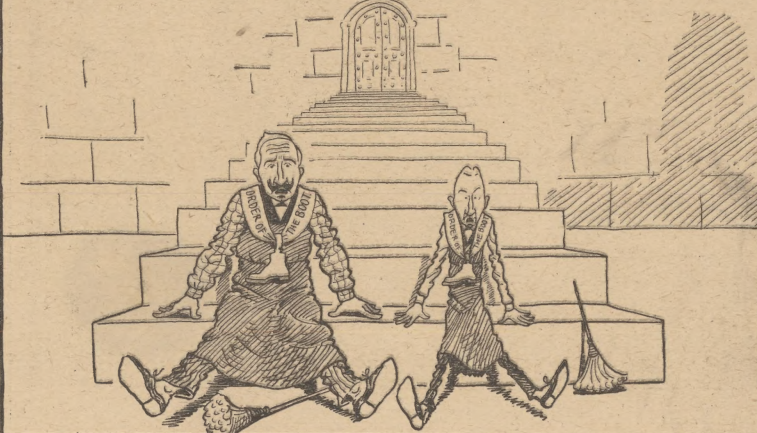
JACK ALL ALONE.

"TRUE PATRIOTISM."

I AGREE that true patriotism ought to include some knowledge of the past. In our own

A NEW CAREER FOR BIG AND LITTLE WILLIE.

"IN PRUSSIA THE KING IS THE FIRST SERVANT OF THE STATE." IN THE EVENT OF THE STATE NO LONGER REQUIRING THE SERVICES OF BIG WILLIE AND HIS AGILE ASSISTANT —



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They may not be wanted any more in Germany—some day. In that case, they could adapt themselves, with their usual versatility, to the very German profession of waiter over here.—(By Mr. W. K. Haselden.)

soil on your boots you take an early opportunity of brushing it off, and when I visit France at intervals I always try to delete any English pronunciation. I should not wish to be like the lady to whom Chaucer refers:—

"And French she spake fulle fayne and fluentlie
After ye schole of Straut-utle-Bow.
For French of Paris was to her unknowe."
Probably she was proud of her "accent."
January 30. C. H. COPE.

FRENCH CLASSES FOR RECRUITS.
"LINGUISTIC TOMMY" is quite right: the authorities, as usual, are the obstacle. Nothing can prove it clearer than my own case.

Before there was any public interest roused I had already started gratuitous French lessons for the recruits in the neighbouring camp, which, being on an isolated peninsula, was cut off by two miles or more of turbulent sea from any town.

Presently the County Council Education Committee approached me and suggested I should go over regularly and give French lessons two

country, however, it is perhaps too much to expect the average "Tommy" to be an expert at English history. Enough for him to know something of Nelson and Wellington. Perhaps if he knew the whole history of everything he wouldn't be so keen to fight as he is now.

Galveston-road, S.W.

BODY AND SOUL.

Poor soul, the centre of my sinful earth,
Foiled by these rebel powers that thee array,
Why dost thou pine within and suffer death,
Painting thy outward walls so costly gay?
Why so large cost, having so short a lease,
Dost thou upon thy fading mansion spend?
Shall worms, inheritors of this excess,
Eat up thy charge? Is this thy body's end?
Then, soul live thou upon thy servant's loss,
And let that pine to aggravate thy store;
Buy terms divine in selling hours of dross;
Within be fed, without be rich no more;
So shall thou feed on Death, that feeds on men,
And Death once dead, — there's no more dying then.
—WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

WAR AND RELIGION.

Effect of the Struggle Upon the Creeds and Churches of the World.

WHAT TO BLAME.

I DO NOT in the least see why so many people should thus begin to question the kindness of Nature and the justice of Providence because a big war has broken out.

Surely, if the fact of this war proves anything, it proves that the greed of the world, its struggling competition, and the piling up of armaments lead to their inevitable result. We ought to blame ourselves—by which I mean the whole preceding state of Europe. That state held war, as it were, within it. War is merely the culmination of the sinful attitude of many years.

From this point of view, it is surely not necessary to blame Providence, or to accuse Nature of unusual cruelty.

Putney. ANTI-CANT.

"RADICAL REVISION."

SURELY the interesting letters you have published on nature and war show the need for some radical revision of all our creeds after this war. To thinking people it is no longer possible to take the same trusting line and to say that, simply because man has sinned, these things come upon him.

Had Belgium sinned that she was punished as she was?

And what a queer instrument, in that case, to choose for the infliction of punishment on Belgium, Germany! The destroyer of Rheims Cathedral! S. L. Bournemouth.

"MERELY ANTS."

ONE does not wish to violate the philosophical sanctuary of your correspondent who can conceive of beings which might upset our little human colonies in like manner as we upset a colony of ants, but a sanctuary based upon such a conception is, one thinks, hardly built upon a rock.

By all means let us rejoice in our own path and be glad of the courage called forth by our own misfortunes; but what of the pain and misfortune of other peoples? Certainly we have the joy and opportunity of serving those other people—yet more's the pity! For war itself is not made less evil because Red Cross work is good; nor lingering death, however "natural" its cause. And the need is not, by mental gymnastics, to see that "all is well with us," but by facing things squarely to see how far from well they are, and to labour to put them right.

It must be remembered that the ant is actually liable to sudden death from the human heel whether it be standing on its head or not. W. S.

MAN AND NATURE.

WILL "Reason" tell us why he distinguishes between Man and Nature? "Man," he says, "may sometimes work for peace, but Nature is always openly on the side of war."

ENQUIRER.

IN MY GARDEN.

JAN. 31.—Many members of the ranunculoid family (buttercup) are pretty for the garden. The popular "bachelor's buttons" (aeris), with their bright yellow button-like rosettes, look very charming when massed in some moist corner; here, too, the "fair-maid of France" (acutifolius) may be grown. The flowers are white, and the double form is usually cultivated. The single species does well near water. Then there are the exquisite Turban ranunculi. These should be sown towards the end of February in beds of light rich soil. E. F. T.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

It is better to busy oneself about the smallest thing in the world than to treat a half-hour as worthless.—Goethe.

A YOUTHFUL MISTRESS OF THE HUNT.



At the Whaddon Chase Hunt on Saturday Major Selby-Lowndes, the Master, was represented by his youthful daughter, who is seen giving directions to the huntsmen before the chase started. Fox-hunting has, of course, suffered severely this year, most of the hunting men being at the front.

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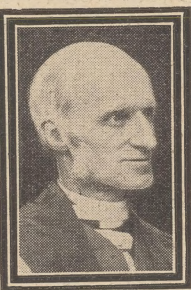


Although the "Jack Johnsons" are very disconcerting and the it is not all firing and fighting in the British trenches. There the "Tommies" are glad to take



Khaki-clad huntsmen following the Whaddon Chase on Saturday. There were seven.

BISHOP DEAD.



Dr. Peter Royston, Assistant Bishop of Liverpool, has passed away.

INDIANS WHO DEFEATED THE TURKS.



Some of the Empire's Indian troops advancing across the Egyptian desert. These are the men who have already repulsed an advance guard of Turks with heavy loss near the Suez Canal.

AUSTRIAN WOMAN
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Fraulein Marie Weissman has been discovered. She showed great bravery for a commission. After became a Red Cross nurse, work she prefers to

THE LORD MAYOR AND THE BOYS OF THE OLD BRIGADE.



The Boys of the Old Brigade were in splendid evidence on Saturday in London, when two thousand members of the newly-formed National Guard, composed of home defence from men who have passed forty years of age, went route marching. The Lord Mayor led them.—(Daily Mirror photograph.)

V.C. HERO HONOURED.



Lance-Corporal T. E. Rendle, of the 1st D.C.L.I., a V.C. hero, received a civic welcome at Launceston.

GERMAN PRISONER



who was buried at Southend-on-Sea on Saturday. The gun carriage on which the coffin was borne to the cemetery the roadway.

"A BUSY DAY" AT THE APOLLO THEATRE.



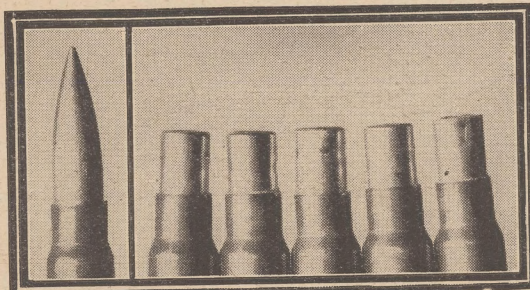
A scene from the new farce, "A Busy Day," at the Apollo Theatre. Sir Charles Temperleigh (Mr. Charles Hawtrey), having pawned his coat and waistcoat to pay the railway fares of himself and Mrs. Cosmo Garrington (Miss Compton), dons the garb of a shop assistant whose wife was his old nurse.

WHO SERVED IN RANKS.



a young Viennese woman, serving in the Austrian Army, and was even recommended for secret was discovered she but though she likes the fighting the Russians.

A DEVIL'S DEVICE IN BULLETS.



This is the latest German device in savagery. They invert their bullets, extracting them from the cartridges and replacing them with flat end outwards. So if the bullet hits you it expands inside.

A FINE SAILOR.



Rear-Admiral the Hon. Victor Montagu, who has just died.



Another scene from "A Busy Day." Miss Compton, as Mrs. Garrington, is seated.

MILITARY WEDDING.



Military weddings are the fashion. Major J. J. Griffiths, married to Miss Violet Smith, leaving the church at Wandsworth.

FIELD WORKS THROWN UP AGAINST THE FLOODS.



The task of establishing field works in certain areas of the western campaign has proved one of extreme difficulty owing to the floods and inundations. All these works have to be thrown up entirely above the ground level. The British Army has proved itself as efficient as ever in tasks of this character.

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JUST LIKE OTHER MEN

The Cross Currents of a Girl's Love.

By ALEXANDER CRAWFORD

"She is a woman, therefore, may be won."

New Readers Begin Here.

CHARACTERS IN THE STORY.

JEAN DELAVAL, a charming, clear-headed, sincere girl of twenty-four.

LIONEL CRAVEN, a straightforward young Englishman of twenty-eight.

ASHLEY CRESWICK, his half-brother. He is a moneylender.

FAY CRESWICK, Ashley's wife. A shrewd, hard scheming woman.

DEREK TRENCH, Lionel Craven's friend and partner.

LIONEL CRAVEN, on board a liner coming over from South Africa, day-dreaming about a girl on board who interests him profoundly. He does not know anything about her—not even her name. But day after day he has become more enthralled with her beauty and personality. His day-dreams are interrupted by Derek Trench. "I've found out all about her," he says excitedly. "Her name is Jean Delaval, and she is one of the Delavals of Lavalay. You know the sort of thing—poor and proud. She is a governess to the Hepsteins, and has refused an offer of marriage from young Hepstein, who is heir to millions. She is coming back to her father, who is very rich. Lionel Craven is very silent—then he tells Derek that he has fallen wholeheartedly in love with the girl. Derek Trench contrives to introduce them."

At first Jean Delaval cannot make Lionel Craven out. It seems to her that he is making friends too quickly—that he holds her friendship too cheaply. Lionel eventually convinces Jean Delaval of his sincerity.

One night, when they are nearing Madeira, Lionel asks Jean Delaval to marry him. "I love you," he says. "It's impossible," she cries tremulously. "You hardly know me," Lionel pleads passionately, and she knows that he knows that she has met the one man amongst all men for her, finally consents.

They are forced to say good-bye to each other at Southampton for a time.

Lionel goes straight to Ashley Cresswick in Kensington. Lionel tries to borrow £5,000 from him for business purposes, but meets with a rebuff. Fay comes in. Laughingly, she says that she must take her husband away and wife are together she asks him what it is that Lionel wants. Ashley Cresswick tells her. "You must be mad," she says.

Ashley Cresswick then confesses that he has robbed Lionel out of the country girl. He adds that the only one who knows about the will is a bedridden old man named Delaval, who has a daughter named Jean.

As they are talking Miss Delaval calls to see Mr. Cresswick. The situation is a critical one, but by clever maneuvering Fay and Lionel win him for business purposes, and as a man whose wife is engaged to a Miss Jean Delaval.

In a heated interview with Cresswick Jean promises to pay off her father's debt in a month. After writing to Lionel and breaking off the engagement, she cables to young Hepstein saying that she will marry him if he will lend her £5,000 for a month.

One day when Fay is out a man speaks to her. To her horror, she recognises her first husband, Paul Schroder, whom she thought dead. He leaves her with a threat.

Frightened as she is, she does not forget that she must get Lionel out of the country, and so she tells him that Jean has returned to South Africa. He believes it, and, with Trench, goes off to see Ashley.

LIONEL'S RESOLUTION.

DEREK TRENCH had many estimable qualities. He was unselfish, almost to a fault, nearly exasperating in his buoyant cheerfulness, and thoroughly loyal to the few friends he cared for. The last thing one would have expected from him in silence, the virtue of reticence, especially in a moment of crisis.

Yet, faced now, as he was, with all the outward signs of a mysterious and complicated conspiracy, he waited patiently for his brother to emerge from his interview with his brother in the private room, and when at last he came out with a glow of hopeful enthusiasm on his face and an open cheque for £100 in his hand, Derek greeted him in silence, and took up his hat as if prepared to go.

"Don't run away," Lionel said. "Ashley's pretty busy, but now you're here he says he would like to have a chat with you for five minutes. You will be able to satisfy him better than I can about the chances of this cotton business. He's agreed to advance the capital we want, but I think he considers it as good as lost."

"Hardly in my line," said Trench dryly, "but I'll do my best. What am I to do? Go into figures?"

"No, there'll be no time for that. Answer his questions honestly. He'll know a straight chap when he sees him."

Lionel ushered his friend into the private room, and Ashley rose very amiably to greet him. There was a fixed look in Derek's eye as he made a rapid inspection of Lionel's brother. He was not prepossessed. Mr. Cresswick was not the only one who knew a straight man when he saw him.

Perhaps Derek Trench was prejudiced by the information he had received from Mrs. Mac-

donald. He didn't like moneylenders as a class, and for some reason which he would not avow even to himself he had a particular objection to a moneylender who was persecuting Miss Delaval. Besides, he didn't like the oily smile and the cold nervous shake of the hand. He had heard a great deal about you," Ashley said. "Won't you sit down?"

"Thanks," replied Trench dryly. Lionel wondered what he could cover his friend's almost uneasy feeling in his mind that Derek was not showing to advantage. He had hoped great things from the frank captivating laugh and open manner which proved so irresistible to strangers.

They talked for some time on the prospects of the new venture, but it was talk in the nature of a cross-examination, Ashley asking the questions and Derek answering them. It seemed almost, indeed, as if the replies were extracted unwillingly, but Cresswick declared himself quite satisfied.

"And now," said Derek, "I want to ask you a question, Mr. Cresswick."

Ashley looked up startled with a frown between his eyes. The tone was so insistent that both he and Lionel wondered what was coming.

"Yes?" he said.

"I want to know, Mr. Cresswick, if you can't use your influence with your brother to prevent him from going on a wild-goose chase to Durban. You, as a business man, must know that if we're going to make a success of this job we have some hard work to do in this country before we sail."

"What sort of work?"

"Oh, shut up, Derek!" broke in Lionel.

"You know I'm making up my mind about that."

"For one thing," Trench continued, totally ignoring his friend's interruption, "there's machinery to be got. If we go out there with that money you are kindly advancing, we simply have to remit to this country and trust to agents to make purchases which we ought to see to ourselves. We run the risk of being swindled, and in any case, we pay a commission of some hundreds which we could save."

"And what makes you think I have any influence with your brother?" asked Ashley. He seemed to purr the words, and sat back in his chair, rubbing his sleek hands softly together.

"We've got something to do with your influence. You've got power. You could refuse to let him have any money unless he listens to reason."

"I'm afraid it's rather too late, Mr. Trench. The cheque for his passage money is drawn, and if you can stop a headstrong man from running after the woman he loves, you are a good deal cleverer than I am."

Derek Trench's next question sent a shiver down the moneylender's spine. "Have you met Miss Delaval?" he asked.

It was not the question merely, if it had been asked in an ordinary tone of voice; it was a natural question enough to a man whose brother was engaged to the girl of whom they were speaking, and in that case Ashley would have found no difficulty in denying it with his customary pleasant smile.

But Derek Trench had launched the question at him like a blow. His eyes had narrowed with a scrutinising look which had threatened the corners with deep lines, and he leaned forward in his chair with the air of a man who has put another on his oath.

Ashley's eyes dropped under the steady glance of Lionel's friend, and he showed plainly on his face the confusion which the other man seemed to expect.

"Why, no," he said, slowly. "Lionel has not honoured me so far." He seemed to find something very interesting in the condition of his hands.

"How could I?" interposed his brother. He had seen nothing by the by-play which was passing between the two; he only knew that the conversation was taking a turn which was unpleasant, and as a man whose brother was engaged to the girl of whom they were speaking, and in that case Ashley would have found no difficulty in denying it with his customary pleasant smile.

He was going back to Ashley by the next boat, and all the blandishments of Derek or the threats of Ashley would have had no more effect upon him than an edict from the Emperor of China.

HOW TO HAVE LONG BEAUTIFUL HAIR.

By a Hair Specialist.

It is not hard to stop the hair from falling out and promote its growth if the right means are used. There is no hope for the scalp where the hair roots are dead and the scalp is shiny. However, to those who have not reached this condition, immediate steps should be taken to stop it before it is too late. Here is a simple recipe which you can make at home, that will stop the hair from falling out, promote its growth and eradicate scalp eruptions and scalp humours. To a half-pint of water add 1oz. bay rum, a small box of Orifex Compound and 4oz. of glycerine, and apply to the hair, rubbing with the finger tips, two or three times a week. These ingredients can be obtained at any chemist at very little cost and mixed at home. This recipe not only promotes the growth of the hair, but darkens streaked, faded grey hair and makes it soft and glossy.—(Advt.)

"We both know the facts," he continued. "I have not seen her myself, and now she's gone back to Africa."

Ashley looked over at Trench with a glance of mild inquiry, as much as to say, "You see how impossible it is to deal with such a hot-headed chap."

Trench took up his hat. "Ah, well!" he said, rising. "I shall have to do the best I can by myself. Thank you, Mr. Cresswick."

There was a strained look on his face as he went out with Lionel, but he said nothing until they reached the street.

"What are you going to do now?" he then asked.

"As soon as I've cashed this cheque I'm going to the steamship offices to book a passage by the next boat."

"You have made up your mind? You won't put it off for a week, even?"

"Not for a week."

"You'll be sorry."

"That's my concern."

Derek Trench turned on his heel and left him with a scarcely audible "Good-bye." It was the nearest approach to a quarrel the two had ever had.

"YOU, JEAN!"

LIONEL carried out his expressed intention with feverish resolution. In former times he would have felt the strained relations with Derek Trench, the two men were not ordinary friends. Their original liking for each other had been sealed by years of companionship in tight corners and in situations where the true mettle of a man is shown.

They had hunted together and trekked together; they had spent months of scorching days and starlit nights with no other company but their own.

In such circumstances the most diverse men might easily become bosom friends and, given some elementary courage, one would overlook traits of character which he might loathe in a more civilised society.

Such links were not needed in the case of the two friends. They were diverse enough, certainly. Lionel was grim and silent, reticent in his own feelings and deficient in the sense of humour. Derek Trench, on the other hand, was talkative, witty and with a soul as transparent as glass.

But they had this in common—they were both "white" men through and through. Neither of them could have conceived any meanness in the other. Yet here they were quarrelling—or almost quarrelling—and over what? Lionel tried to think it out as he picked his way through the crowded streets to his brother's bank, but could not see it was to blame in any way.

His supreme passion had blinded him, made everything else blurred and out of proportion. Ashley and his money were nothing except as means to his helping his pursuit. Derek Trench was nothing, cotton growing was nothing; there wasn't anything in the world but the one object—to find Jean Delaval and to pluck from her the heart of her mystery.

And yet he had an uneasy consciousness that he must have been partly to blame for Derek Trench to have gone off like that, a sort of feeling that perhaps his old friend had thought he wasn't playing the game. Derek Trench was nothing, cotton growing was nothing; there wasn't anything in the world but the one object—to find Jean Delaval and to pluck from her the heart of her mystery.

Derek Trench, of course, could not be expected to understand. He was a very decent fellow, but one who made fun of everything—nothing was sacred from his ridicule, not even love like this. There was only one in the world who understood it and gave him sympathy, and that was Fay Cresswick.

His heart went out to her as he thought of the trouble she had taken to help him, and he made up his mind that, as soon as he had finished the business in hand, he would rattle off to Kensington and have a long talk with her.

He cashed Ashley's cheque at the bank, and the feel of the crisp notes gave him a pleasure of thrill. It was not that he valued money for its own sake—no man in the world let it slip through his fingers so easily—but he knew what these scraps of flimsy paper meant. They took up small compass enough in his pocket-book, but they were the golden bridge which would transport him 8,000 miles to Africa and the fulfilment of his dreams.

He hurried on to the steamship company and inquired about the next sailing. There was a boat, the clerk said, leaving Southampton on Saturday. It was one of their best boats, and so far they had not had a full booking.

Lionel paid the passage money for a second-class berth, chose his cabin and left particulars of his name and address. The boat train, he was told, left Waterloo at 9.50 on Saturday morning, but if he liked he could go down on Friday night to be allowed on board.

Lionel put the tickets—rail and boat—carefully in his pocket-book and walked out, with head erect and an added glow of colour on his cheeks. He looked at his watch. It was too late to get back to lunch, and he telephoned to Kensington to tell them so.

He lunched alone in town, rather fretfully and without much appetite. He was anxious to get back to Fay, tell her what he had done and talk about Jean.

There is no talker in the world like a reticent man who is full of a subject and finds a sympathetic listener.

Now that everything was settled up and there was nothing to do but wait for the clock to go round, he began to feel rather repentant about

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THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP



Hon. Norah Johnston.

A Society Singer.

Not many professional singers are gifted with a mezzo-soprano voice of such rich quality as that possessed by the Hon. Norah Johnston, who is singing to-night at a concert at Tottenham, which is being given for the benefit of some dependants of sailors lost on the Hawke, Impeccable and Formidable. She has a Queen's Hall reputation, and her services are in great request.

Distinguished Ancestry.

The Hon. Norah Johnston is a granddaughter of that popular novelist Major George White Melville, and she can claim descent from Lord Ortel, who, as John Foster, was the last Speaker of the old Irish House of Commons. For the Hon. Norah Johnston is Lord Massereene and Ferrard's sister, and before her marriage to the Rev. Charles Johnston, who became curate of St. Peter's, Ealing, some seven years ago, was the Hon. Norah Skeffington.

"Minorities Must Suffer."

"Some people in the gallery at the Apollo Theatre on Saturday evening made loud and persistent sounds of discontent when the curtain fell on Mr. R. C. Carton's new farce, "A Busy Day." But minorities are generally noisy. Most of the audience laughed quite cheerfully over Mr. Carton's extravaganza.

Frank Farce.

"A Busy Day" is, to tell the truth, a bit thin for Mr. Carton, and at times it was somewhat difficult to remember that the author was a dramatist of unusually high achievement. Still, it was all quite amusing—an affair of mixed identities treated in the traditional manner of farce—and Mr. Hawtrey and Miss Compton delighted their numerous admirers.

Mother and Daughter.

A brilliant little character sketch of a hired Irish waiter was given by Mr. Edward Fitzgerald. In the audience I noticed Miss Winifred Emery and Miss Margery Maude. Mother and daughter looked so beautiful that I wished Gainsborough or Romney could have come to life to do portraits of them both.

Roberts According to Manners.

In a box was Miss Lydia Billbrooke; while another interested spectator was Mr. Hartley Manners, who wrote "Peg o' My Heart." In the intervals Mr. Manners, determined that he should have no rest from laughter, told us some new Arthur Roberts stories. They were just as good as the old ones, for Arthur is a creature of perpetual youth.

An Interesting Wedding.

Glancing through a list of forthcoming war weddings I noticed one which is particularly interesting, if only for the relationship of the bride to quite a remarkable number of well-known people. I refer to Miss Sibyl Fellowes, the youngest daughter of Lord and Lady de Ramsey, whose engagement to Captain J. G. Butler, eldest son of Lord and Lady Arthur Butler, was recently announced.

Well-known Relatives.

Miss Sibyl Fellowes's mother is a daughter of the late Duke of Marlborough. Among her aunts are the Dowager Duchess of Roxburghe, Lady Sarah Wilson, Lady Randolph Churchill and Cornelia Lady Wimborne, while her cousins include the Duke of Marlborough, Lord Curzon, the Duke of Roxburghe, Lord Wimborne, Lord Tweedmouth and Mr. Winston Churchill. Her coming marriage will yet further increase this relationship, for her future husband, who was wounded while serving with the Life Guards, will some day, as things are now, be the Marquis of Ormonde, since Lord Arthur Butler is heir to the title.

Most Cruel Blow of All.

No self-respecting German town could possibly exist without a Kaiser-Wilhelmstrasse or a Bismarck memorial. I have just heard from a Russian friend that the Germans are feverishly busy renaming the streets in all the villages and towns in Russian Poland at present in German occupation. What the Russians are really afraid of now is the erection in their midst of Bismarck memorials.

Likes Eating Englishmen.

Only a logic-run-mad German would think of frightening this country by torpedoing undefended merchant vessels. This is to introduce you to the German who thought out the idea. His name is Reventlow, and he is a count as well as a naval expert. In fact, he is more count than expert. In Germany before I was introduced to him I was warned that he was a tremendous Englander-fresser (man whose passion in life it is to gobble up Englishmen). Now he invents "baby-killing" schemes.

A Cat on Hot Bricks.

It was a comic scene when I met Count Reventlow at the flat of Captain Persius, a rival naval expert. Captain Persius took it into his head to say that the Germans were easily out-distanced by the British Navy; that competition in Dreadnought-building was ruinous and would end in war. This simply maddened Count Reventlow. He was like a cat on hot bricks. Fidgeting about from one chair to another, he almost screamed himself hoarse in trying to convince his professional rival that war would be a good thing. I wonder what he thinks now.

Petticoats Return.

Someone is going to write an article presently about the return of the petticoat. Oh, yes, it's going to happen. I have just seen the spring fashions, and all the dresses will be wider and wider and fuller and fuller. Good-bye, "hobble"; good-bye, tight skirt; good-bye, sheath. So the flowing lace petticoat is coming into its own again.

Mr. Montagu's Future.

The expected resignation of Mr. Masterman of the Chancellorship of the Duchy of Lancaster in consequence of his inability to find a seat in the House of Commons set many prophets to work during the week-end as to the man who was likely to succeed him in the Cabinet. The general impression was that his successor would be Mr. E. S. Montagu, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury.



Mr. E. S. Montagu.

A Two-Fold Tribute.

Mr. Montagu, who is a kinsman of Mr. Herbert Samuel, is one of the youngest, as well as one of the ablest, men in the Ministry. He is only thirty-five. Yet he has already filled a couple of posts in the Government. By few is he held in higher esteem than by the Prime Minister, who makes it an almost regular rule to stay on the Treasury Bench when this gifted and eloquent young man is addressing the House. Truly, a two-fold tribute of loyalty and esteem which many M.P.s may envy.

The "Pow-Wow" Revives.

Some days ago I was mourning the early death of the "Pow-Wow," the cheery organ of the University and Public Schools Battalion. Now I am pleased to see that the editor has been premature in his diagnosis; the "Pow-Wow" is no longer moribund, and the current issue contains many bright things. Quite of the best are three enigmatical lines, which, coupled with the explanation given to me by a friend in the U.P.S., form a very pleasant story.

Trying for the Major!

Recently, it seems, a certain major appeared on a horse which—to put it kindly—had seen better days. "He's got an old 'bus horse," was the comment of one rather critical private. The description evidently spread, for the following lines appear in the last number of the "Pow-Wow," under the heading "Rumour Hath It!" "That a major is greatly inconvenienced by the necessity of ringing a bell whenever he wants his charger to start!"

"God Punish England!"

Germanic hatred of England breaks out in strange places. Its latest form is the phrase "God Punish England!" stamped on briquettes made in Germany. The idea originated with a group of coal merchants in the region of Breslau, and every briquette delivered by them has the pious wish cast upon it by a special mould. One can imagine the happy moments passed in the homes of the Fatherland when the mothers and children and old folks, gathered round the hearth, repeat to one another the bitter words visible in the flames: "God Punish England!"

What About That Football?

The footballs are still coming in excellently. Now that we have passed the 1,500 mark our new goal is 2,000. There are still many, many battalions which have not even seen a football yet "this season," and their appeals are very urgent. I received a quaint one yesterday morning from a wounded "Tommy." "Me and my three mates are recuperating after being wounded," he writes, "and we have a bit of time on our hands. Could you send us a football to kick about? One of us is wounded in the hand, one in the foot, and I and the fourth have got it in the leg." It should be a quaint game, but the spirit is all right.

An Active Veteran.

The most interesting figure in the ranks of the City National Guards who marched to Hyde Park on Saturday was a field-marshal of the British Army—Sir Evelyn Wood. Sir Evelyn is too old to go to the front, but he cannot resist having his share of drilling, and, as there is no age limit to the City Guard, he stepped out with them with an alacrity which many younger men could not equal.

In Two Services.

Sir Evelyn Wood is seventy-seven, but he is evidently not built as other men, for he is as active to-day as he was twenty years ago. It was only two years ago that he met with two riding accidents in a twelvemonth, but, with his splendid vitality, he soon got over them. Sir Evelyn is one of the few men who started life in the Navy and finished with high rank in the Army. He served as a midshipman in H.M.S. Queen from 1852 to 1855, and in the latter year he became an officer of cavalry.

With Jobel and Jiser.

A friend of mine has been giving me the meaning of some of the words which form part of Asia Minor's labels to places. Bahr, for instance, means a lake, Dagh and Jebel a mountain, and a river is variously called Chai, Nahr, Rud (Persian), Shatt (Arabic), as witness the Shatt-el-Arab. Khan signifies inn, Nukh a pass, Wady a valley, Jisr a bridge, and Keft a village. So now you know all about it.



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Mr. Ollie James.

A Giant's Bed.

Ollie James, the United States senator, who created a sensation on Saturday by having a bed brought to a committee-room of the Senate, with the threat that he intended to sleep there while the Ship Purchase Bill was being debated, is the giant of the United States legislators. He is 6ft. 7in. tall, and weighs 21st. His object in bringing his bed to the Senate is to prevent the success of the Opposition's dilatory tactics against the Government's Bill for the purchase of ships. Mr. James represents the State of Kentucky, which is famous for its racehorses and distilleries. The last time I was in Washington I saw him chatting with some of his colleagues. He towered head and shoulders above them, and his booming laugh caused the chandeliers to tinkle.

The Dark Horse.

A friend of mine, who is very busy drilling and instructing members of the "Old Brigade," was recently approached by an ordinary looking individual who begged to be allowed to benefit by the instruction. In due course shooting practice came along, and the newcomer, with several others, went to a range. There the newcomer was asked by my friend if he understood the mechanism of the rifle, and when he replied in the affirmative was told to try a few shots at the target.

Then He Understood.

At this moment my friend was called away. Presently he returned, to find the newcomer was not firing. "Well—did you do any good?" he asked. "Oh—fair," said the other, waving towards the target. My friend looked, and to his amazement saw that the "bull" had been shot entirely away! Then he asked the newcomer a few questions—to learn that he had proposed to instruct a man who had carried off all sorts of prizes at Bisley a few years ago. THE RAMBLER.

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Chère Amie, I hasten to answer your questions about the "new skirts." Yes, they are "quite wide." Indeed, one might go so far as to say that they are exaggeratedly wide. And many of them are remarkably short. I spent an hour yesterday afternoon in one of the big dressmaking houses in the Place Vendôme, and they showed me some lovely things. They were all young girl's frocks, because I was "out" for the purpose of gleanings information for you.

One of the new taffetas frocks had a very full skirt, which was bordered at the hem with a pinked ruche—quite in the old-world fashion. The skirt was finely gathered at the waist, and it was so short that the ankles were left bare.

Then the corsage was tight as a jersey, with a high collar at the back and a V opening in front; and, to crown all, there was a quaint coatee, which was belted in at the back and had a big ruche at the neck.

This was really a sort of Early Victorian dress and very fascinating. The material was raven's wing blue taffetas, and there was a touch of japonica red at the breast.

Another frock—for afternoon or evening—was in leaf green taffetas, and the wide, short skirt had a deep hem of black chiffon velvet. It was a one-piece frock, and there was a Féodor sash, also taffetas, which was knotted in front, the pointed ends falling almost to the hem of the skirt.

The corsage showed the ubiquitous high collar at the back, but it was cut in a generous square in front. It was decorated with dull silver embroideries, and the same trimming appeared on the ends of the sash. I thought this little gown fascinating. It would be exactly the right thing for a smart afternoon reception or for a small dinner.

I have fallen a victim to the charms of the new military coats, and I am sure you cannot do better than to have one made on the lines shown in my sketch. The material of the original model was navy blue gabardine, and the braidings were done in black, silver and dull red.

You might have diagonal serge instead of gabardine, and, of course, the braidings could be all black.

The person who told you that petticoats were "not worn" must not be taken seriously. Your devoted friend—NADINE.

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A splendid budget of war pictures is contained in *The Vivid War Weekly*, price 1d., a new paper devoted exclusively to the gallant doings of our soldiers at the front, which will be on sale to-day.

With the first number of *The Vivid War Weekly* is presented free with every copy a fine art plate, entitled "Our Battle Fleet in the North Sea," reproduced in photostone from the original painting by Mr. Charles Pears.

Just Like Other Men

(Continued from page 11.)

Derek Trench. He wished he had reasoned with him.

He was sure if he had explained to him that work or business of any kind was utterly out of the question until he had found Jean, Derek would have understood.

He remembered quite suddenly that he did not know where Trench was staying. He remembered it because the obvious thing to do suggested itself to him—namely, to write an apology and explanation.

It was growing dusk when he got back to his brother's house. He asked the footman at once for Mrs. Creswick, but was told that madam had a headache and was resting.

Lionel went to his room; the information left him rather at a loss. He had pictured to himself a good two hours' chat in the gloaming where Fay could not see the awkward confusion on his face. He never liked talking of Jean in the light; he had a stupid trick of colouring up and a habit of imagining that his listener was laughing at him.

Well, anyway, even if he didn't know Derek's address in town he could write his letter and send it when he found out. He went down the stairs to the library, and was just about to enter when he hesitated. The door was ajar and the room lighted up, and while he was wondering who was there he heard the sound of what might be the slamming of the door of the little iron safe which stood in the wall. Ashley was home then, for that was the safe where he kept his papers.

He went in without knocking and stood for a moment rigidly, like one who sees an apparition. A girl was standing in the middle of the room. She was wearing white fox furs instead of the summer dress he knew so well, and her face was white and drawn; but he could not mistake her.

"You, Jean!" he said hoarsely. "What are you doing here?"

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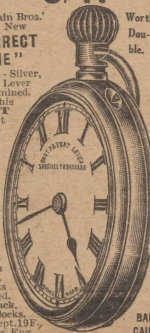
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Coal Traffic Upset by Snow.

A heavy snowfall occurred in South Lancashire yesterday, and coal traffic on railways was seriously impeded.

Making Fortress of Vienna.

Austria has 20,000 men, says an Exchange special message, working day and night on the fortifications of Vienna.

Wolf in Sheep's Clothing.

Suspected of espionage, a German who recently organised a visit of Italian journalists to Germany has just been arrested, says the Central News, at Naples.

Old Mines to Reopen.

Fresh deposits of lead and sulphur having been discovered, the large mines at Caecoch, North Wales, which have been closed for thirty years, are, it is stated, to be reopened.

Senator's Eleven Hours' Speech.

In order to prevent the vote by holding up the American Senate's proceedings, says Reuter, Senator Smoot spoke eleven and a half hours continuously on Saturday on the Shipping Purchase Bill.

White Bread, by Prescription Only.

Bakeries in Cologne are forbidden from today, says Reuter, to sell white bread to any but sick people, and if too much is distributed the sale will be allowed only from chemists on a doctor's prescription.

Serve Two Years or Pay £5.

To prevent so many firemen resigning after completion of their drill instruction to join other brigades the London County Council proposes to impose a fine of £5 on any man in the London Fire Brigade who resigns before serving two years.

SATURDAY'S FOOTBALL.

ENGLISH CUP.—Second Round. Burnley (h) 6, South end United 0; Everton (h) 4, Bristol City 0; Norwich City (h) 5, Tottenham Hotspur 2; Southampton 3, Fulham (h) 2; Oldham Athletic (h) 5, Rochdale 0; Hull City (h) 2, Northampton 1; Sheffield Wed. (h) 2, Wolverhampton Wanderers 0; Newcastle United (h) 1, Swans 1; Queens Park Rangers (h) 1, Leeds City 0; Manchester City (h) 1, Aston Villa 0; Bradford (h) 0; Chelsea (h) 1; The Arsenal 0; Sheffield United (h) 1, Liverpool 0; Bradford City (h) 1, Middlesbrough 0; Bolton Wanderers (h) 0, Millwall Athletic 0; Brighton and Hove (h) 0, Birmingham 0.

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THE LEAGUE.—Division II: Stockport County (h) 3, Derby County 2; Leicester Fosse (h) 1, Clapton Orient 1; Preston N.E. (h) 1, Blackpool 0; Barnsley (h) 1, Huddersfield Town 0; Glossop (h) 0, Grimsby Town 0.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.—Division I: Cardiff City (h) 5, Crystal Palace 0; Croydon Common (h) 4, Reading 1; Portsmouth (h) 3, Plymouth Argyle 1; Luton Town (h) 3, Gillingham 1; Swindon Town 1, West Ham United 1.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.—Division II: Brentford (h) 3, Port Vale 0; Merthyr 1, Mid-Rhondda (h) 0; Newport (h) 2, Rob Roy Vale 0; Slough (h) 1, Llanelli 0.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.—Dumbarton (h) 3, Aberdeen 0; Partick (h) 3, Arbroath 0; Partick (h) 2, Ayr Celtic (h) 1, Hearts 1; 8: Mirren (h) 3, Clyde 1; Motherwell (h) 1, Dundee 1; Kilmarnock (h) 1, Hamilton 0; Rangers, Fife (h) 1, Greenock (h) 4, Third Lanark 3; Raith 3, Queen's Park (h) 1.

NORFOLK UNION LEAGUE.—Norwich (h) 21pts, Swinton 0; Dewsbury (h) 16, Hull 10; Halifax (h) 12, Bradford 6; Huddersfield (h) 7, Bramley 0; Kingston Rovers (h) 22, Wakefield 2; Huddersfield 3, Salford 2; St. Helens 20, Keighley (h) 2; Warrington (h) 11, Oldham 0; Widnes (h) 9; Leigh 5, Wigan (h) 75, Runcorn 5; Leeds 23, York (h) 6.

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Race.	Price.	Winner.	Jockey.
Staines Chase (4)...	2 to 1	Bridge IV.....	Avila
Ditton Hurdle (16)...	5 to 1	Aurora.....	A. Escott
Norfolk Chase (9)...	5 to 1	Ballinacorney.....	Mr. Straker
Griffith Chase (7)...	4 to 5	Noah.....	Parmenter
Phelan Hurdle (16)...	7 to 4	Thomson's Song.....	Parmenter
Hanworth Hurdle (13) 10 to 1	Whiteboy.....	Dainty	

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LIABILITIES AND ASSETS, 31st DECEMBER, 1914.

To Capital Paid up, viz:—	£	s.	d.	By Cash in hand (including Gold Coins)	£	s.	d.
£2 10s. 0d. per Share on 1,912,317 Shares of £12 each	4,780,792	10	0	28,000,000 and Cash at Bank of England	33,196,458	18	7
Reserve Fund	4,000,000	0	0	Money at Call and at Short Notice	9,865,226	9	10
Dividend payable on 1st February, 1915	394,415	7	7	Investments	6,428,379	18	5
Balance of Profit and Loss Account	421,285	6	11	Consols, War Loan, and other British Government Securities	2,563,204	0	6
Current, Deposit and other Accounts	9,596,493	4	6	Indian Railway Guaranteed Stocks and Debentures	516,144	7	10
Acceptances on account of Customers	125,732,756	1	7	British Railway Debenture and Preference Stocks, British Corporation Stocks, Colonial and Foreign Bonds and Sundry Investments	2,798,489	18	7
	7,210,915	3	3		1,771,935	0	6

*Owing to the War, these Investments have been valued at or under price.

In accordance with the provisions of sub-section 2 of the Companies (Consolidation) Act, 1908, we report as follows:—We have examined the above Balance Sheet in detail with the Books at Head Office and with the certified Return from the Branches. We have satisfied ourselves as to the correctness of the Cash Balances and the Bill of Exchange and have verified the correctness of the Money at Call and Short Notice. We have also verified the Securities representing the Investments of the Bank, and having obtained all the information and explanations we have required, we are of opinion that such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Company.

London, 8th January, 1915. WHITNEY, SMITH and WHITNEY, Chartered Accountants, Auditors.

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"TOMMIES" WHO ESCAPED FROM HUNS.

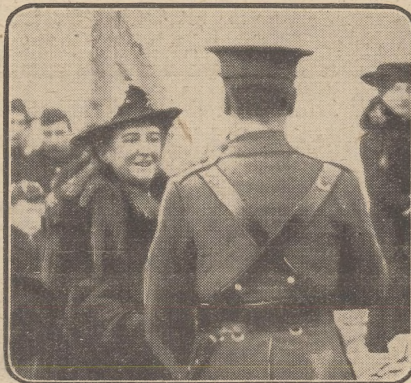


Privates A. Brénnan and Hugh Dempsey, of the Royal Irish Rifles, were made prisoners by the Germans at Ypres. They waited until the Huns got drunk and then bolted for it. For nine days they lived on vegetables found in the fields. Military police are seen giving them new kit.

GETTING READY TO CHASE THE GERMANS: ALDERSHOT CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP.



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tenant R. Rawson, of the 9th Signal Company, Royal Engineers. The 5th Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry were the first team to count, and secured the shield. The course was, roughly, seven miles.—(*Daily Mirror* photographs.)